

### Pontiff's Encyclical Asks Prayer Crusade Sunday

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superstitions; public and private atheism is exalted in such a way that God and His law are being abolished and morals no longer have any foundation. The press also too often vulgarly reviles religious feeling while it does not hesitate to spread the most shameful obscenities, agitating and with incalculable harm leading into vice tender childhood and betrayed youth.

By means of false promises people is deceived and provoked to hatred, rivalry and rebellion, especially when the hereditary faith, the only relief in this earthly exile, is successfully torn from its heart. Disturbances, riots and revolts are organized and fomented in continuing series, which prepare for ruin of the economy and cause irreparable harm to the common good.

We must above all deplore with overwhelming sadness that in a few nations the rights of God, Church and human nature itself are outraged and trampled upon. Sacred soldiers, even those invested with high dignities, are either driven from their proper sees, exiled and imprisoned, or imprisoned in a manner preventing them from exercising their ministry.

In the field of education, whether of lower or of university level, as well as in public libraries and the press permission to explain and defend the doctrine of the Church either is not given or it is so restricted and subjected to such surveillance by official censorship that the arbitrary proposition that truth, liberty and religion must subserviently serve only the civil authority seems to be the established principle.

Since these innumerable evils spring, as we have said, from one source only, the repudiation of God and contempt for His law, it is necessary, Venerable Brethren, to offer to God fervent prayers and recall all to those principles whence alone can come enlightenment for minds, peace and concord for souls and well ordered justice between the various social classes.

As you know, once religion is taken away there cannot be a well ordered, well regulated society. In this point, like the urgency to spur on people under your guidance in order that, especially during the Holy Year, they spare no efforts so that people entrusted to them, with their false prejudices and erroneous convictions cast aside, and hatreds and discords settled, may nourish themselves on the teachings of the Gospel and thus participate in Christian life so as to hasten the desired renewal of morals.

And since the priest can

reach neither everybody nor everything, and as his work is not always able to meet adequately all needs, those who serve in the Catholic Action ranks must offer the aid of their own experience and activity. No one must be idle and lazy in the face of so many evils and dangers while those in the other camp strive to destroy the very basis of Catholic religion and Christian worship. Let it never come to pass that "the children of this world are wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8); let it never be that the latter are less active than the former.

But human efforts are ineffective unless strengthened by Divine Grace. We exhort you therefore, Venerable Brethren, to begin a veritable crusade of prayer among your faithful to implore from the Father of Mercies and the God of Consolation (2 Cor. 1:3) suitable remedies for the present evils.

We intensely desire that, united with us, they offer public prayers on March 25, Passion Sunday, when the sacred rites of the Church begin to commemorate the bitter sufferings by means of which the Divine Redeemer liberated us from slavery to the demon and led us back to the freedom of the sons of God.

It is our intention on that day to descend into the Basilica of St. Peter to unite our prayers not only with those present but — as we hope — with those of the whole Catholic world. Let those who, because of illness or old age or other reasons cannot come to church, offer to God with humble and trusting heart their sufferings and their fears so that the prayer of all, the yearning of all and the wish of all may be one.

Let all, united with us in prayer, implore from Divine mercy that a new order, based on truth, justice and charity, may arise from the longed-for restoration of morals. May the Heavenly Light illuminate the minds of those who have in their hands the destinies of peoples; may they realize that just as peace is the work of wisdom and justice so war is the fruit of blindness and hatred; let them consider that one day they must render account not only to His

### Pilgrim Priests Told Why They Need Own Amices

New York — (NC) — The re-ber of priests. Many thousands more are expected during June, July, August and September. Most small European churches find it impossible to provide clean linen for the great numbers of priests wearing the con- fessant this year.

FATHER CUNNINGHAM explained that visiting clergy should also make arrangements for offering Mass a day in advance, whenever possible. The amice, which dates from the ninth century, is the oblong piece of linen placed over the shoulders as the first step in vesting for Mass. Purificators are small rectangular linen cloths used to cleanse the chalice and paten during Mass.

The Superior General invited all pilgrims to make use of the services of the Catholic Information Center set up by the Paulists next door to Santa Susanna. He said that throughout the Holy Year a minimum of five English speaking priests will hear confessions at Santa Susanna daily from early morning until the church closes at 7 p.m.

"Eight thousand pilgrims are expected in Rome for Holy Week. This implies a great num- tory but to God's eternal judgment."

THOSE WHO profusely sow the seed of hatred, of discord and of rivalry; those who secretly or openly arouse the masses and provoke rebellions, those who deceive with empty promises the easily agitated masses, even the most undemanding, the justice demanded by Christian principles which gives birth to equilibrium and fraternal concord, is achieved not through force and violence but with the application of the law.

Guided by the supreme light gained by collective prayer let all be persuaded that only the Divine Redeemer can compose the many and formidable conflicts, only Jesus Christ, We say, Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6), Who bestows celestial clarity to clouded minds and Divine strength to doubtful and indolent wills (Imitation of Christ III, 50 & 51); He alone can rule earthly events with justice and compose them in love. He alone can set on the road to eternal happiness the souls of men joined by the bond of brotherhood.

With faith, love and hope therefore, we address to Him Our prayers. May He then, especially during this Holy Year, benignly look down upon hu-

### Near East Missions

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### Land Of Promise

Another name for the Holy Land. But what sort of promise? for Mary, "thine own heart a sword shall pierce," a promise of trial and sorrow. And the same for His Beatitude, the new Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, who is charged with the care of the Church in the land where these trials and sorrows befell Mary and Her Beloved Son. A Chapel-School, somewhere in the lands marked with the footsteps of Christ, erected in honor of the Seven Dolors, will honor The Sorrowful Mother, aid the burdened Patriarch and benefit the suffering people. \$1,000 will do the job.

**HOUSEWRECKERS**  
That's what the iconoclasts really were. They opposed the idea of images, statues, pictures. But a house without these things is not really a home, not even God's House. John of Damascus knew it and fought the fight for "decorations" for God's House. His feast is March 27. Many poor churches in the missions lack decorations and furnishings. You can honor him and God by supplying some needed articles. Anything from a bell to an altar, from \$5 to \$500.

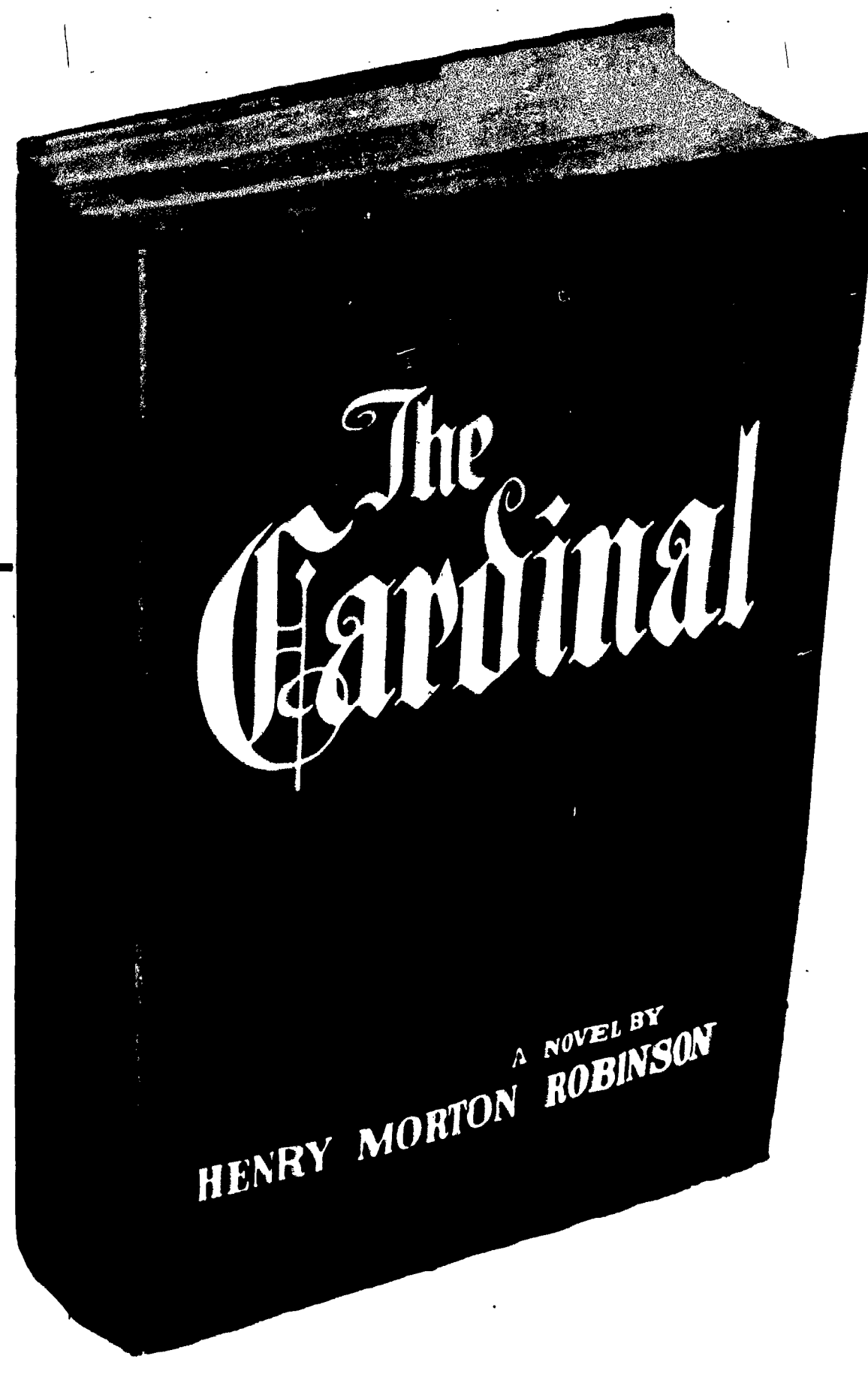
**ONE WAY STREET**  
From Monsignor McMahon, out in Palestine: "By the way, did you ever appeal for the Sisters of the Good Shepherd at Beirut? Do not forget them. In these parts, a poor girl who makes a mistake has almost only one road." How can we forget... unless we forget that the first person to see the Risen Magdalene was the Good Shepherd Sisters' home. We want to keep the door to that shelter open. Will you help with some small donation?

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Always a matter of utmost urgency to the community. But especially so when the matter is the election of candidates for the priesthood and sisterhood. The burden of election is a very weighty one. Also the burden of financial support out in the mission lands. You can help there. \$50 for a seminarian, \$300 for a novice.

**MARKED MEN**  
They carry the mark of Christ's own chosen company, the company of all who suffer. And the Leper suffer, in body, in mind, in spirit. Our DAMIEN LEPER FUND seeks for material means to aid their suffering. \$1 monthly makes you a member.

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